

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “James Bignon’s Outstanding Accomplishments and Contributions to the Gospel Music Industry”

WHEREAS, James Bignon, a native of Augusta, Georgia, formed the first gospel group in the history of Augusta’s own Lucy C. Laney High School; and

WHEREAS, James Bignon, representing the United States of America, led the 10-member ensemble of the original cast of “Riverdance”, the enormously successful musical that toured throughout Ireland and the United Kingdom in 1995; and

WHEREAS, James Bignon was Director of Music for the world-renowned Georgia Mass Choir and Founder of the renowned Deliverance Mass Choir, earning Grammy and Stellar Award nominations for Male Vocalist and Traditional Choir of the Year; consistently charting on Billboard’s Top 40 Gospel Charts; and

WHEREAS, James Bignon, continuing the legacy of the incomparable Reverend James Cleveland, is well known for conducting Gospel Music Workshops throughout the United States and abroad, performing from Alaska to England, Sweden to Ireland, Germany, Japan, and Korea; and

WHEREAS, James Bignon has consistently reached out and supported the Augusta community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2004, as “JAMES BIGNON DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to recognize this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 6th day of November 2004.

Mayor